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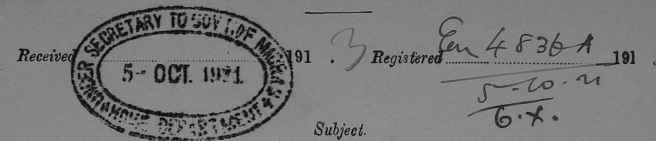
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[Despatch Abstract.]

College--Muhammadan, Madras--Prayer Hall--extensions--proposal
negatived.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.



Subject.

Submitting for sanction of Government plans and estimate amounting to Rs 3,250/- for carrying out certain improvements to the Prayer Hall in the premises of the Government Muhammadan College, Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

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R.C. No. 3356/21

Station Madras, Dated the 3rd October 1921 September 1921

From (Name) R. Littlehales Esq., M.A..

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the orders of Government the enclosed plans and estimate amounting to Rs 3,250 for certain improvements to the Prayer Hall in the Government Muhammadan College at Madras which have been sent to me by the Superintending Engineer V Circle for countersignature and return. The construction of the Prayer Hall was first sanctioned in G.O. No. 900 W dated 24th August 1909 and - presumably it was built in order to give facilities for the Muhammadan residents in the hostel to offer prayers. There is nothing to show that the Government took up the attitude that the Prayer Hall should accommodate all the students in the school (residents in the hostel as well as day scholars).

place de para 4
of Mr. B. R. S. L. L.
at para 1980. 12/6
20.11.21 (J)

2. If the improvements now proposed are sanctioned, it is to make room for day pupils as well as residents in the hostel. The question arises as to why Government should not make provision for religious observance for day scholars, Hindus, Muhammadans and Christians in all Government educational institutions. I should not be opposed to the adoption of such a policy, but such a policy should be entered upon with open eyes and not drifted into casually as might be the case if the proposed extensions to the Prayer Hall in the Government Muhammadan College were sanctioned by me.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. B. M. A. Talwar
for Director of Public Instruction.

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Law (Cm) Dept.

Improvements to the Prayer Hall attached
to the Gov. Mahamadan College,
Madras.

[No. 4536A]

From the S.P.D. No. 3356 d. 3.12.21

His

The Circumstances under which
the ~~prayer~~ construction of the Prayer hall
(E) was sanctioned, ~~is a good one~~
~~is a good one~~ will be seen from
(J) G.O. 1286 W d. 20.11.1908 and the note
connected with it. The S.P.D.'s presumption
that the Prayer hall was intended
for the Mahamadan residents of
the hostel as ~~has~~ ^{does} not appear to
be correct. In 1905, ^{the} Gov. sanctioned
a sum of Rs 520/- for constructing a
suitable place for prayers but owing to
certain disadvantages the work was not
undertaken then ^{actually} ~~as~~ in 1908, it
was proposed to construct a separate
building ^{for the purpose}. At the
instance of ^{the Govt. Board of the College} ~~the~~ S.P.D. ^{the} ~~the~~ S.P.D.

para 1 of letter

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vide para 4 of S.P.D.
letter of 27.12.21

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Suggests the desirability of allowing

all members students of the school
whether members of the hostel or not, the
use of hall. ~~It is to be decided~~
~~we propose in the future, in view of~~
~~the objection raised by the students~~
~~that the hall should be used for~~

Accordingly the construction
of an enlarged
prayer hall at a
cost of Rs 47,301 was
sanctioned

2. The S.P. I. has in para. 2
of his letter raised a point of
principle. There appears to be some
force in the S.P. I.'s argument; but
it is understood that the
Govt. Muhammadan College is
unlike other Govt. institutions in
the respect that it has been
primarily opened solely for the
benefit of Muhammadans. The
Muhammadans have students, both
resident and day pupils have been
enjoying the use of the prayer hall
since 1909 and it would not appear
desirable to put a stop to this
privilege now.

3. ~~In the circumstances~~ the additions and
improvements to the hall ~~will be~~
sanctioned: ~~which are apparently necessitated by an increase~~
~~in the strength of the~~ institution may

The principle has already been
admitted in the case of this
College which is special.
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I do not think, on principle, I
will allow such a special
concession. Christians & Hindus
Jains & Brahmins may require
special facilities for ^{the} purposes -
there is no need to provide for
day pupils as well as residents
in the hostel to use the hall -
The proposed extension will not be
sanctioned -

The next step may be that they want
some other form of accommodation
for religious purposes - there is no
limit to such prayers -

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